

FLATHEAD COUNTY FAIR COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes from November 16, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Fair Commission on November 16, 2017 was called to order by Sam Nunnally at 6:30 pm in the 4H Building at the Flathead County Fairgrounds.

Roll call of members: Sam Nunnally, Wes McAlpin, Butch Woolard, Mark Carlson, and Pam Holmquist were present. Doug Wise was excused.

Staff present: Mark Campbell.

Guests present: Sharon Askelson.

Agenda approval: Wes McAlpin moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mark Carlson seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

Past meeting minutes: Minutes from October 12th meeting were presented for review. Mark moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Wes. Motion carried with all members in favor.

Public Comment: Sam called for public comment. Sharon shared that the Artist and Crafts Show will be held at the Expo Building this weekend.

Manager's report: Mark provided an update on current activities. The ADA project is proceeding with concrete, block work, and walls being erected. Trusses will be installed late this month. Changes are happening daily. Maintenance crew is installing a new to us freezer unit acquired from Agency on Aging's move from Kelly Road. Securing entertainment for Fair grounds, stages, and events. Trying to eliminate confusions with exhibitor entry process. Sharon offered her service and advice. Sponsors will be contacted in December and January. Winter events have been proposed for the grandstands with discussion about potential affects to neighbors. Discussion held with concurrence to proceed and find out more.

Fair financials through October were shared. Revenue details were provided and are at 71.4% of annual budget for the year. Expenses total 50.41% with the credit card charges still to post.

Committee or Director Reports: Wes reported on a Chamber Ag committee wrap-up held Tuesday. 2017 budget and past trend reports since 1975 were shared. Pig photos are a constant challenge and this should be turned over to FFA. Send note to stakeholders turning this back over to others. Butch asked about needing to limit market numbers. Wes stated it's a possibility because the space is only so large. We also feel strongly that a Fair letter be sent to 4H and FFA letting them know that no wild steers will be accepted based primarily on liability concerns. Discussion expanded the letter to include all market animals.

A recap of RMAF Conference details was held. Sam congratulated Butch on being awarded the Fair Person of the Year. Sam reported on the session covering Mesa County Fair e-coli outbreak. Wes talked about the open format of sharing the stories or lessons learned. We need to work on cleanliness and our program further. Discussion about re-visiting our plan, processes, and separation of manure was held. Containers should be used in many of the livestock areas. Something is better than what we're doing now.

Wes asked about nomination of Greg Kesler to the PRCA Hall of Fame. Feels it should be pursued. Butch talked of emergency planning needs and current relevance to what's happening today, especially in the social media platforms. Key items learned were single focused communications, a solid plan for all scenarios, and everyone working in a common direction. Sharon asked for a phone list of key contacts and initial directions for emergencies. Discussion about plan communication was held and how to reach further to those who need direction.

Old Business: Fairgrounds ADA project – a budget update on the project was reviewed in detail. Timing has been somewhat challenging but upcoming weather should help to bring that closer to expected.

New Business: The potential cancellation of the regularly scheduled December 14th meeting was brought forward. Wes moved to cancel the meeting unless needed. Seconded by Mark. No discussion with the question called. All members were in favor.

No further new business was presented.

Adjournment: Wes moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm, seconded by Mark. All were in favor.

Submitted by: mc

Approved as submitted:


Chair

1-11-18
Date